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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 - 60. (Canceled)

Claims 61 - 64. (Canceled)

65. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation of claim 61 82, wherein the fatty component is a sustained released component that glyceryl behenate provides sustained release of the clarithromycin or clarithromycin derivative, and wherein the hydrophilic component hydroxypropyl methylcellulose forms a viscous layer in an aqueous medium through which the clarithromycin or clarithromycin derivative diffuses upon solubilization thereby effective to provide controlled release of the clarithromycin or clarithromycin derivative over about a twenty-four hour period.

Claims 66 - 69. (Canceled)

- 70. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation of claim 69 82, wherein the hydroxypropyl methylcellulose is low viscosity hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.
- 71. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical formulation of claim 70, wherein the hydroxypropyl methylcellulose has a viscosity of about 15 cP.
- 72. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation of claim 64 82, further comprising a surfactant.